TO THE

KINGS

MOST

Excellent Maiesty,

And the

LORDS and PEERS

Assembled in

PARLIAMENT.

The Humble Petition and Protestation of all the Bishops and Prelates, now called by his Majesties Writs to attend the Parliament, and present about *London* and *Westminster* for that service.

LONDON,

Printed in the year 1641. but now newly reprinted by *Philemon Stephens junior* at the *Kings Armes* over against the Middle Temple Gate in *Fleetstreet*. 1641.

Touching the

Act of Abolution

Of the

Bishops Votes in Parliament.

Here His late Majesty, Chap. 9.

HOw oft was the busines of the Bishops enjoying their ancient places and undoubted priviledges in the House of Peers, carried for them by far the major part of Lords? yet after five repulses, contrary to all order and reason, it was by tumultary instigations intruded again, and by a few carried, when most of the Peers was forced to absent themselves.

In like manner as the Bill againſt Root and Branch, brought on by Tumultuous clamors and ſchiſmatical terrors, which could never paſs till both Houſes were ſufficiently thinned and over awed.

And in the 17th. Chapter, his Majeſty mentions his conſenting againſt the Biſhops ſitting in the Houſe of Parliament, as one of the three things which ſo much troubled him, putting it in the ſame Scale with his permitting the ſhedding of the innocent blood of the Earl of Straffford.

An humble

PETITION

AND

PROTESTATION

Of all the

BISHOPS and PRELATES.

Now called by his

MAJESTIES

Writs to attend the

PARLIAMENT

In the year 1641.

THat whereas the Petitioners are called up by several and respective Writs, and under great penalties, to attend in Parliament, and have a clear and undubitate Right to vote in Bills, and other matters whatsoever

debateable in Parliament, by the ancient Cuſtomes, Laws and Statutes of this Realm, and ought to be protected by your Majeſty, quietly to attend and proſecute that great Service.

They humbly remonſtrate and proteſt before God, your Majeſty, and the Noble Lords and Peers now aſſembled in Parliament, That they have an indubitate Right to ſit and vote in the Houſe of Lords, ſo are they, if they may be protected from force and violence, moſt ready and willing to perform their duties accordingly. And that they doe abominate all actions or opinions tending to Popery, and the maintenance thereof; as alſo, all propenſion and inclination to any malignant party, or any other ſide or party whatſoever, to the which their own reaſons and conſcience ſhall not move them to adhere.

But whereas they have been at ſeveral times violently menaced, affronted and aſſaulted by multitudes of people in their coming to perform their Services in that Honourable Houſe, and lately chaſed away and put in danger of their lives, and can find no redreſſe or protection, upon ſundry complaints made to both Houſes in theſe particulars.

They likewiſe humbly proteſt before your Majeſty, and the noble Houſe of Peers, that ſaving unto themſelves all their Rights and Intereſts of ſitting and voting in that Houſe at other times, they dare not ſit or vote in the Houſe of Peers until your Majeſty ſhall further ſecure them from all affronts, indignities and dangers in the premiſſes

Laſtly whereas their fears are not built upon phan-

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taſies and conceits, but upon ſuch grounds and objects, as may well terrifie men of good reſolutions, and much conſtancy. They do in all duty and humility, proteſt before your Majeſty, and the Peers of that moſt Honourable Houſe of Parliament, againſt all Laws, Orders, Votes, Reſolutions, and Determinations, as in themſelves Nul, and of none effect; which in their abſence, ſince the 27. of this inſtant month of *December*, 1641. have already paſſed; as likewiſe againſt all ſuch as ſhall hereafter paſſe in that moſt Honourable Houſe, during the time of this their forced and violent abſence from the ſaid moſt Honourable Houſe; not denying, but if their abſenting of themſelves were wilfull and voluntary, that moſt Honourable Houſe might proceed in all theſe premiſſes, their abſence, or this their Proteſtation notwithſtanding:

And humbly beſeeching your moſt Excellent Majeſty to command the Clerk of that Houſe of Peers, to enter this their Petition and Proteſtation among his Records.

They will ever pray to God to bleſſe and preſerve, &c.

Jo Ebor.
Thomas Dureſme.
Robt. Co. Lich.
Joſ. Norwich.
Jo. Aſaphen.
Guil. Ba. & Wells
Geo. Hereford.
Rob. Oxon.
Ma. Ely.
Godfr. Glouc.
Jo. Peterburgh.
Maur. Llan. aff.

Books Printed for Philemon Stephens.

A true relation of the Ceremonies of the creating of the Knights of the moſt Honourable Order of the Bath, the 18 and 19th. of April, 1661. with a perfect Liſt of their names in the ſame order as they were Knighted by His Majeſty.

The Hiſtory of the moſt famous Saint and Souldier Saint *George* of *Cappadocia*. The inſtitution of that moſt Noble Order of Saint *George*, commonly called the Garter; with the names of the Knights of that moſt Noble Order, whereof CHARLES the Firſt of ever Glorions Memory, King of Great Brittain was Soveraign: As alſo a Catalogue of the preſent Knights thereof already inſtauled, and to be inſtauled on the 27th. of April at the Caſtle of Windſor, 1661.

The great Anti-chriſt now diſcouered, by the Reverend Father in God, *Griffith*, Lord Biſhop of *Oſſery*.

Several Sermons preached at the Temple by *George Maſterſon* of St. *Clements*.

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